

To: Pat Armstrong, Sr. Warden St. Paul's Church, Kinderhook
From: The Rev'd. Fr. Frederick L. Curtis, SSC
Date: 6th February 2011
Re: Report of the Long-Term Supply-Priest

Dear Ms. Armstrong:

As we approach the 2011 Annual meeting of St. Paul's Church I wish to review my ministry at St. Paul's since I was first called to be Long-Term Supply-Priest in May of 2010. In the Covenant Agreement which you, on behalf of the Vestry, and I agreed would be used as a guide within a framework of mutual trust, I was asked to work in particular areas of St. Paul's common life. I was asked to provide primary attention as follows:

- Sunday and Weekday Masses
- Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings
- Pastoral Care including, but not necessarily limited to, hospital and nursing home calls and outreach visits to parishioners
- Weekly office hours
- Spiritual formation – e.g. Bible Study

I am pleased to report that I have enjoyed fulfilling my responsibilities. Sunday and weekday Masses have been joyful opportunities of worship and praise of GOD. The different Rites used at different times have allowed for different ministries to be employed. I rejoiced to see the very positive reception Kyle and Kayla Manginelli received when they and Alex Malsan provided music for our Worship over the summer months. I sincerely regret having to cancel the *Epiphany / Baptism of Our Lord Service of Lessons and Carols* on 9 January due to the severe weather. The idea for this had originally stemmed from a suggestion made by Carl Racquet following a conversation he had with Bob Stackman. It was unfortunate that the weather intervened. I continue to be pleased that the parish uses the form of the Sung Mass and is adaptable as we move from one Rite to another. I expect to support these kinds of ideas as we look to the near future; whether they may change in the future is up to another to suggest.

We've not had any Weddings while I have been with you, as yet; however, we have had two Baptisms and expect a third in the not terribly far future. I must say, this area of the Diocese of Albany certainly has a number of Hospitals. I have gotten to know several of our parishioners when they have found themselves in one or another of the Hospitals. I have also been calling at Nursing Homes, and visiting people in their own homes, as needed.

Spiritual formation is an amorphous process. Those who come to the Bible Study clearly receive benefit from our time together. We ask questions of one another and give considerable thought to our responses. At the same time, in an effort to be better able to respond, I have continued to Study Greek with Sr. Mary Jean at St. Mary's Convent. Christian Education is part of Spiritual formation. I recently attended the Diocesan Parish Leadership Conference on Studying the Bible. As a result of my attendance, I began to put together a Lenten Program that I believe can appeal to Children and Adults alike. The

Conference was a wonderful program and I am convinced that it will assist those who wish to partake of the day-by-day process of reading the Bible in order to learn OUR STORY as Christians. Watching the children and their dedicated teachers convinces me that they are ripe for learning. They are well organized and will be so after my time at St. Paul's.

I believe my regular Office Hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays have provided the opportunity for normal day-to-day stability and activity. The Vestry as it is currently constituted has had the task of dealing with a myriad of normal parish issues; I commend them on the progress they have made this far. I believe my presence has assisted them. I am also convinced that the parish requires more than I can provide, given the distance I must travel to be present for unexpected events.

I CONTINUE TO BE THANKFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF ST. PAUL'S! Thank you for that!

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev'd. Fr. Frederick L. Curtis, SSC